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Even Churches are no Sanctuaries now.

Epilogue to *Cato.*

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THE following Letter has so much Truth and Reason in it, that I believe every Man of Sense and Honour in *England*, will have a just Indignation against the Person, who could commit so great a Violence, as that of which my Correspondent complains.

To the Author of the GUARDIAN.

SIR,

'I Claim a Place in your Paper for what I now 'write to you, from the Declaration which 'you made at your first Appearance, and the very 'Title you assume to your self.

'If the Circumstance, which I am going to men-'tion, is over look'd by one, who calls himself '*Guardian*, I am sure Honour and Integrity, In-'nocence and Virtue, are not the Objects of his 'Care. — The *Examiner* ends his Discourse of '*Friday* the 24th Instant with these Words.

'*No sooner was D — among the Whiggs, and confirmed past retrieving, but Lady* Char — te *is taken Knotting in Saint* James's *Chappel during Divine Service, in the immediate Presence both of God and Her Majesty, who were affronted together, that the Family might appear to be intirely come over. I spare the Beauty for the sake of her Birth, but certainly there was no Occasion for so publick a Proof, that her Fingers are more dexterous in* Tying *a* Knot, *than her Father's Brains in perplexing the Government.*

'It is apparent that the Person here intended is 'by her Birth a Lady, and Daughter of an Earl of '*Great Britain*, and the Treatment this Author is 'pleas'd to give her, he makes no Scruple to own 'she is expos'd to, by being his Daughter. Since 'he has assum'd a Licence to talk of this Noble-'man in Print to his Disadvantage, I hope his 'Lordship will pardon me, that out of the Interest 'which I, and all True *Englishmen* have in his Cha-'racter, I take the Liberty to defend him.

'I am willing, on this Occasion, to allow the 'Claim and Pretension to Merit to be such, as the 'same Author describes in his preceeding Paper.

'*By active Merit* (says the *Examiner* of the 21st) '*I understand, not only the Power and Ability to serve, but the actual Exercise of any one or more Virtues, for promoting the good of one's Country, and a long and steady Course of real Endeavours to appear useful in a Government; or where a Person, eminently qualified for Publick Affairs, distinguishes himself in some Critical Juncture, and at the Expence of his Ease and Fortune, or, with the Hazard of his Person, exposes himself to the Malice of a designing Faction, by thwarting their wicked Purposes, and contributing to the Safety, Repose and Welfare of a People.*

'Let us examine the Conduct of this noble Earl 'by this Description; upon the late Glorious Re-'volution, when it was in Debate in what man-'ner the People of *England* should express their 'Gratitude to their Deliverer, this Lord, from the 'utmost Tenderness and Loyalty to his unhappy 'Prince, and apprehensive of the Danger of so great 'a Change, voted against King *William*'s Accession 'to the Throne: However, his following Services 'sufficiently testified the Truth of that his memora-'ble Expression, *Though he could not make a King, he could obey him.* The whole Course and Tenor 'of his Life ever since has been visibly animated, 'by a steady and constant Zeal for the Monarchy 'and Episcopacy of these Realms. He has been 'ever reviled by all who are cold to the Interests of 'our Establish'd Religion, or Dissenters from it, as 'a Favourer of Persecution, and a Bigot to the 'Church against the Civil Rights of his Fellow 'Subjects. Thus it stood with him at the Tryal 'of Dr. *Sacheverell*, when this noble Earl had a 'very great share in obtaining the gentle Sentence 'which the House of Lords pronounced on that 'Occasion: But, indeed, I have not heard that any 'of his Lordship's Dependants joined *Saint Harry* 'in the Pilgrimage which *that Meek Man* took af-'terwards round *England*, followed by Drum, 'Trumpet and Acclamations to *Visit the Churches.* '— Civil Prudence made it, perhaps, necessary to 'throw the Publick Affairs into such Hands, as had 'no Pretensions to Popularity in either Party, but 'from the Distribution of the Queen's Favours.

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